

4/10/98

Dear Don,

Thanks for your 4/4 and enclosed good article.

I think that the phone conversation of Rostow's was not included in those I had and that is why, although I suspected him, I did not include him.

It is a good and a thorough job.

There is a bit more that you might find relevant that I have when you are here again. Moyers phoned LBJ about 9 p.m. 11/24, LBJ then phoned Hoover and then he phoned Katzenbach. There are further references in other phone conversations to proceeding as we agreed Sunday night.

It is not important but Katzenbach wrote his memo on Sunday. I have the holograph. It was typed early Monday.

LBJ used the FBI to talk the Post put of the editorial. I have a file on that if it interests you when you are here again. DeLoach handled it.

I think what you have put together will interest Jerry McKnight for some of his work and I'll lend it to him. I'd never stopped to think about what you ask about research for the first 10 years. So much was so awful anyway.

Lane pooped out early and did not do most of his own original work.

Meagher was magnificent but she also got out. She was strong for Epstein for a while, in a motherly way. ~~She~~ Salandria was an early one who was also wacky and soon became a liability. Roffman was by far the best of the youngest but he also had to get out as he got his education and went to work. There were a few I never met, like a fellow named Stamm, a friend of Meagher's.

Then there was some terrible stuff, like Newman's. I did not learn for several years that he killed Whitewash in 1965 when an editor he knew spoke of it to him. Newman and his crazy radio idea.

There were other people who were interested and did a little, like Maggie Fields in California and Bill O'Connell, her friend and associate. One of the first is still doing research, Hal Verb, of San Francisco, Good fellow, too. Did all my p.r. for me my first trip out there and did it exceptionally well.

Tell Peggy we know what being too involved it. Especially now when we are both so much less able.

If you were not aware of it. McKnight's fine The Last Crusade is now in the stores. He has a sabbatical to work on one of the other books he is going to do. Begins with the end of this semester.

Hope you can make it again soon.

Our best,

Harold